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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee and substantive examination, please amend
the application filed herewith as follows:

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Please replace the paragraph starting at page 16 line 10 with the following
rewritten paragraph:

Figure 5: Figure 5 shows the BestFit alignment of the predicted amino
acid sequences of Hu-Asp2(a) (SEQ ID NO: 4) and murine Asp2(a) (SEQ ID NO: 8).

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